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FEDERAL GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS

Madison, Wisconsin -- A federal grand jury in the Western District of Wisconsin, sitting in Madison, returned the following indictments today. You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

MAN FACES CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

Mark Bergmann, 38, of Johnson Creek, Wisconsin, is charged with two counts of distributing child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography. The indictment alleges that on October 7, 2006 and June 11, 2007, he transported via computer a visual depiction produced involving the use of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct. The indictment further alleges that on June 29, 2007, he possessed a computer hard drive and USB thumb drives containing visual depictions produced through the use of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct. According to a criminal complaint filed on June 29, 2007, Bergmann was arrested following the execution of a federal search warrant at his residence in Johnson Creek.

If convicted, Bergmann faces a minimum of 15 years in federal prison, and a maximum of 40 years, on each of the distribution counts. He faces a minimum of 10 years and a maximum of 20 years in prison on the possession count. The charges against him are the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, and Johnson Creek Police Department. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Meredith P. Duchemin.

This case has been brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the U.S. Attorneys' Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet,

as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

BELOIT MAN CHARGED WITH GUN CRIME

Marquise D. Clark, 22, of Beloit, Wisconsin, is charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm. The indictment alleges that on April 13, 2007, he possessed a .38 caliber revolver.

If convicted, Clark faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation conducted by the Beloit Police Department and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura Przybylinski Finn.

MADISON MAN CHARGED WITH GUN CRIME

Lonnie Whitaker, 31, of Madison, Wisconsin, is charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition. The indictment alleges that on June 17, 2007, he possessed a .45 caliber pistol and ammunition.

If convicted, Whitaker faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation by the Madison Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

MAN CHARGED WITH RE-ENTRY AFTER DEPORTATION

Jose Flores-Hernandez, 31, a citizen of Mexico who was found living in Beloit, is charged with intentionally entering the United States after previously being deported. The indictment alleges that he was found in the United States on June 29, 2007.

If convicted, Flores-Hernandez faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell.

MAN CHARGED WITH RE-ENTRY AFTER DEPORTATION

Fernando Valdez-Calderon, 26, a citizen of Mexico who was found living in Monroe County, is charged with intentionally entering the United States after previously being deported. The indictment alleges that he was found in the United States on July 5, 2007.

If convicted, Valdez-Calderon faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal

prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy M. O'Shea.

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